



National Time Standards

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Model Time Standards

FOR STATE TRIAL COURTS

These Model Standards were approved in August 2011 by the:

Conference of State Court Administrators

Conference of Chief Justices

American Bar Association House of Delegates

The National Association for Court Management

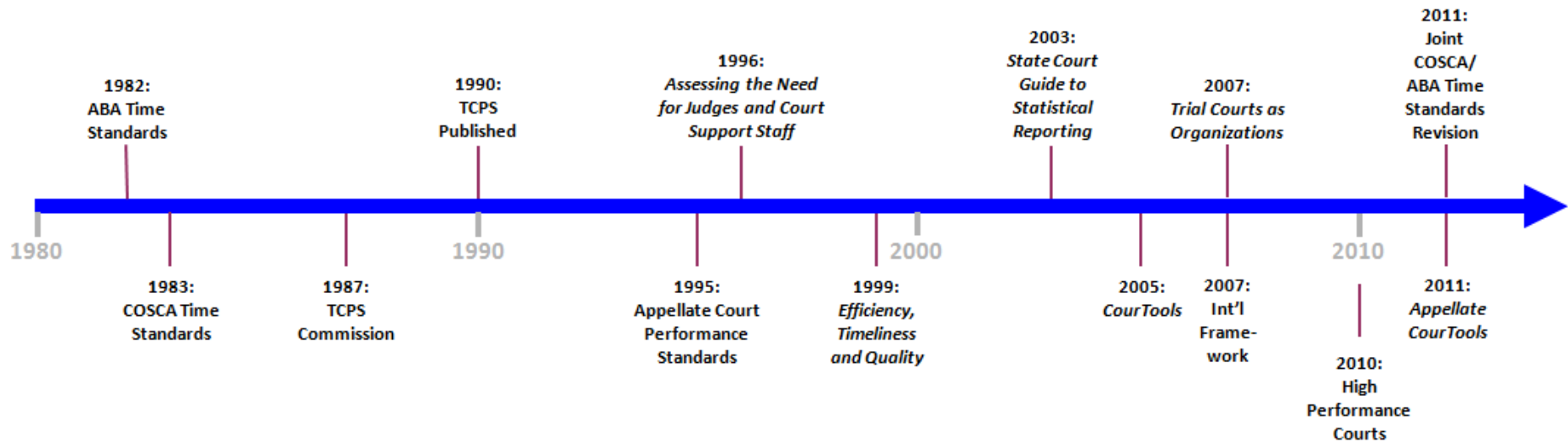


WHY REVISE THE STANDARDS?

- Out of date
- Disparate sets of standards
- Changes technology
- Little change in court processes
- Growing demand for immediacy
- No longer just aspirational

WHERE WE CAME FROM AND WHERE WE ARE GOING

Three Decades of Court Performance Measurement



RECENT INFLUENCES

- CourTools
- High Performance Courts Framework

***Accountability = Performance
Measurement***

PROCESS

Who

- CCJ
- COSCA
- ABA
- AJA
- NACM
- NJA
- Court community

How

- Two year review
- Experience of state courts
- Intended to establish reasonable expectations

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ...

- **Courts**—set a reasonable goal
- **Lawyers**—framework to complete their activities
- **Public**—define what is expected of their courts

WHAT'S BEHIND THE STANDARDS

- 15 case types
- Tripartite model that recognizes:
 - Most cases disposed with little court involvement (75%)
 - Second proportion disposed after resolution of one or two issues (90%)
 - Third tier at 98%
- Intermediate Time Standards for each case type

TABLE OF MODEL TIME STANDARDS

CRIMINAL

Case Type	COSCA Standard	ABA Standard	Model Standard
Felony	100% within 180 days	90% within 120 days 98% within 180 days 100% within 365 days	75% within 90 days 90% within 180 days 98% within 365 days
Misdemeanor	100% within 90 days	90% within 30 days 100% within 90 days	75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days
Traffic and Local Ordinance			75% within 30 days 90% within 60 days 98% within 90 days
<i>Habeas corpus</i> and similar Post-conviction proceedings (following a criminal conviction)			98% within 180 days

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JUVENILE

Case Type	COSCA Standard	ABA Standard	Model Standard
Delinquency & Status Offense		90% within 3 months 98% within 6 months 100% within 12 months	For youth in detention: 75% within 30 days 90% within 45 days 98% within 90 days For youth not in detention: 75% within 60 days 90% with 90 days 98% within 150 days
Neglect and Abuse		90% within 3 months 98% within 6 months 100% within 12 months	Adjudicatory Hearing 98% within 90 days of removal Permanency Hearing 75% within 270 days of removal 98% within 360 days of removal
Termination of Parental Rights		90% within 3 months 98% within 6 months 100% within 12 months	90% within 120 days after the filing of a termination petition 98% within 180 days after the filing of a termination petition

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CIVIL

Case Type	COSCA Standard	ABA Standard	Model Standard
General Civil	100% of non-jury within 12 months 100% jury trials within 18 months	90% within 12 months 98% within 18 months 100% within 24 months	75% within 180 days 90% within 365 days 98% within 540 days
Summary Matters			75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days

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FAMILY

Case Type	COSCA Standard	ABA Standard	Model Standard
Dissolution/ Divorce/ Allocation of Parental Responsibility	100% uncontested within 3 months 100% contested within 6 months	90% within 3 months 98% within 6 months 100% within 12 months	75% within 120 days 90% within 180 days 98% within 365 days
Post Judgment Motions			98% within 180 days
Protection Orders			90% within 10 days 98% within 30 days

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PROBATE

Case Type	COSCA Standard	ABA Standard	Model Standard
Administration of Estates			75% within 360 days 90% within 540 days 98% within 720 days
Guardianship/ Conservator of Incapacitated Adults			98% within 90 days
Civil Commitment			98% within 15 days

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL PICTURE (29 STATES)

- DC has adopted
- 7 are likely to adopt in 2013 (including DC and AZ)
- 10 are in process
- 6 seriously looking at them
- 12 said they are not doing anything now
- 4 said they are comfortable with their current standards.

PUBLICATION OF TIME STANDARD DATA

States are split

- Shared only between AOC and the leadership of the court system and each trial court—AL, AK, CO, MI, VT
- Compliance with Time Standards made publically available—MA, MO, OH, UT, WA, WI

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION

- Implementing authority is by order of the Supreme Court
- Local modifications...but not a lot
- Use of committees, councils to review and recommend adoption—a collaborative approach